MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, advance money for meeting the passage was sent.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether under the provisions of the T. S. R she is entitled to that advance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): She is entitled to the travelling allowance.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is she entitled to that advance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Advance is given at the discretion of Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is there any precedent in which that discretion was used?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are cases in which advance money was given for forward journeys.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Therefore, this is a special case where advance money is given for return journey?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no speciality about it. The advance will be adjusted when the travelling allowance is paid.

Opening of a Maternity Ward in the General Hospital.

5. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state when the sanction of the Government was given for opening a maternity ward in the General Hospital and what is the cause of the delay in carrying this order into effect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): About three years ago, the question of converting the septic ward of the General Hospital into a lying-in ward, with labour room attached to it, was under contemplation. It was given up temporarily, as all the accommodation was needed for septic cases. The matter will be considered after the two new wards are occupied.

Rules re Night-schools.

6. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to question No. 25, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 21st Karkatakam 1101, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the rules sanctioned by them in connection with night-schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A copy* of the rules asked for by the member is laid on the table.

Pupils of Class VII in Vernacular Schools.

7. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the total strength of Class VII of the Vernacular schools in the year 1101?

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